

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 20, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W025 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Carlene M. Walker, Senate Chair  
Rep. Todd E. Kiser, House Chair  
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Kevin T. VanTassell  
Rep. Bradley M. Daw  
Rep. Ben C. Ferry  
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood  
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway  
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Bradley G. Last

Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove  
Rep. Brian P. Monson  
Rep. Paul A. Neuenschwander  
Rep. LaWanna Lou Shurtliff

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack  
Rep. Stephen D. Clark

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Leif G. Elder, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Chair Walker welcomed Rep. Monson to the Committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Daw, Rep. Ferry, Rep. Greenwood, and Rep. Menlove were absent for the vote.

Mr. Elder distributed and commented on "Revenue Summary."

**2. Freight Capacity and Utilization**

Mr. John Njord, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), gave a presentation on the global movement of freight through Utah and the need for highly maintained roads.

Mr. Carlos Bracerias, Deputy Director, UDOT, distributed and reviewed "3300 South over I-215 East Bridge Move Schedule."

Mr. Dan Harbeke, Director of Public Affairs, Union Pacific, distributed "Union Pacific System Fast Facts" and "Union Pacific Railroad in Utah." Mr. Harbeke discussed the Union Pacific rail system, freight capacity, use of containers, and responded to questions from the Committee.

Mr. David Creer, Executive Director, Utah Trucking Association, commented on high fuel prices, the value of safe roads, and the need for additional rest stops.

**3. RS 2477 Rights-of-Way**

Ms. Halverson distributed and reviewed "R.S. 2477 Rights-of-Way in Utah."

Mr. John Harja, Director, Public Lands Policy Coordination Office, provided some background to R.S. 2477, and discussed the Public Lands Policy Coordination Office's efforts to gather evidence and record R.S. 2477 rights-of-way across the state.

#### **4. Off-highway Vehicle use on Public Highways**

Staff distributed "Street-Legal ATV Proposals" and "All-Terrain Types Vehicles."

Captain Ron Ostler, Utah Highway Patrol, talked about the safety impact of 2008 General Session S.B. 182, "Off-Highway Vehicle Use on Public Highways." Captain Ostler provided some recommendations to modify and add definitions related to street-legal ATVs.

Mr. Dave Parduhn, Xcite Powersports, distributed "Japanese Mini Trucks" and recommended that the Japanese Mini Trucks be made legal for use on some public highways.

#### **5. Roads and Bridges**

Mr. Njord, discussed what UDOT is doing to address concerns about maintaining roads and bridges without additional funding.

#### **6. Critical Highway Needs Fund Update**

Mr. Njord distributed and reviewed "Critical Highway Needs Fund."

#### **7. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. VanTassell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Jenkins, Rep. Holdaway, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.